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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 2.1 Percent in August

HARRISBURG, PA, Sept 20, 2011 - - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during August 2011 totaled 884 million pounds, down from last August's production of 903 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 539,000 head, down 1,000 from the previous month, and 2,000 less than August 2010.

Production per cow averaged 1,640 pounds in August, 10 pounds more than July's production per cow of 1,630 pounds, but 30 pounds less than August 2010.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during August 2011 totaled 15.3 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from August 2010. July revised production, at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from July 2010. The July revision represented a decrease of 45 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,810 pounds for August, 18 pounds above August 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.47 million head, 102,000 head more than August 2010 and 3,000 head more than July 2011.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011
Milk Cows	Thous.	541	540	539	8,369	8,468	8,471
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,670	1,630	1,640	1,792	1,819	1,810
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	903	880	884	14,998	15,400	15,330

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